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Welcome to the Moving Church News
the bi-monthly magazine of
St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill

Services at St. Mark's

First Sunday in the month

8.00am Communion -
Book of Common Prayer

10.30am All Age Worship

Other Sundays
10.30am Parish Communion

Wednesdays
10.00am Holy Communion Service

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please contact the Parish Office.**

**Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9.30 am to 12 noon**

Keeping up with everything at St. Mark's.

If you want to receive a regular email giving all of the details of events and services at St. Mark's please send your details to Chris Walker. Her email is chrissy.walkerz@gmail.com. Your email address will not be passed on to anyone else.

Worried? Problems?

We at St. Mark's would like to help you. If you would like our help, or simply want someone to talk to, please call 01959 540482 (Vicar),

Olympic Quiz

As Sports fans gear themselves up for the 2024 Olympics which begin in Paris on Friday 26 July and end on Sunday 11 August, I thought you might like a few quiz questions on the Olympics.

1. In which country did the Olympics originate?
2. What do the 5 Olympic rings symbolise?
3. What colours are the 5 rings?
4. Who is the most successful Olympian of all time?
5. Name one sport that has been added to the Olympics this year.
6. Name 5 sports not allowed in the 2024 Olympics?
7. Where will the 2028 Olympics be held?
(Answers at the end of the article!)

The Olympic games

It was Pierre de Coubertin who saw the importance of the Olympics as an event that could draw together people from all over the world. Many of the people who would take part spoke different languages, came from different cultures and different faiths, but in the Olympics they were all competing together. He interlinked the Olympic rings deliberately to show we all depend on one another.

Athletes take the Olympic oath:

"We promise to take part in these Olympic Games, respecting and abiding by the rules and in the spirit of fair play, inclusion and equality. Together we stand in solidarity and commit ourselves to sport without doping, without cheating, without any form of discrimination. We do this for the honour of our teams, in respect for the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, and to make the world a better place through sport."

In his letters, St Paul used the imagery of the Olympic games:

'Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one.' *1 Corinthians 9:24-26*

'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.' *2 Timothy 4:7*

In a sense we are all in a race, the race of life. St Paul talks about persevering and sometimes there is an uphill struggle, life is not all plain sailing. Life wasn't always easy for Paul but he knew he wasn't alone, that God was with him.

An Italian Olympian, Dorando Pietri, led the marathon in the London Olympics in 1908, but he was disoriented and exhausted. As he came into the stadium, he started the final lap in the wrong direction and fell down. He was helped to his feet by umpires. He fell several more times and was helped again. Although he finished first, he was later

disqualified due to protests from the American team over the help he had received. The American, Johnny Hayes became the winner. Queen Alexandra was so moved by his effort that she presented him with a silver cup after the competition. In fact, Dorando became quite a celebrity.

We might sometimes fall down, make mistakes, but like athletes we need to persevere, to look ahead. We need the tunnel vision Linford Christie used to talk about. We don't need to rely upon our own strength. Could you echo these words of St Paul?

'...run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith' *Hebrews 12:1*



Rev. Alison Newman

Answers:

1. Ancient Greece
2. The Olympic symbol was originally created in 1913 by Pierre de Coubertin. He seems to have intended the rings to represent the five inhabited continents: Africa, America, Asia, Europe, and Oceania. It represents the meeting of athletes from all around the world.
3. Blue, yellow, black, green and red. If you add the white background then all the colours of the nation's flags are represented.
4. Michael Phelps 23 gold (28 total) The swimmer won eight of his golds at the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, the most ever at a single games.
5. Break dancing
6. Cricket, Polo, Darts, Bowling, Netball
7. Los Angeles

Unfortunately the planned St. Mark's Holiday Club had to be cancelled as there wasn't enough interest to make it enjoyable for the children.

Five Elms PCN

Biggin Hill Health and Wellbeing Café

Join us at our café for a Health and Wellbeing session as well as other activities.

The café will take place between 10am - 12pm on **the second Friday of each month** at St. Mark's Parish Centre, 10, Church Road, Biggin Hill, TN16 3LB

Flowers for Church



If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of flowers in church for a particular week, to mark an anniversary or a special event, please contact either Caroline Budimir on 01959 576093 or the Parish Office on 01959 577816

A friend once said he had stopped being afraid as he had the 5 G's:
 Guidance - God guides me in everything
 Grace - God does for me what I cannot do myself
 Guts - just good old-fashioned courage
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Cheque Presentation to Biggin Hill Community Care Association

Below is an extract from the Biggin Hill Carnival programme.

Roy Arnold was one of the original members of the Carnival Committee when I took over from Bob Wilkinson in 2018 and drummed up lots of £££ in sponsorship money all of which goes back into putting on the event. Roy was a longstanding community man within Biggin Hill and had many interests including the Allotments and Horticultural Associations and worked and volunteered with Biggin Hill Community Care Association. He was also, but not so well known, for his participation with Biggin Hill Freemasons.

It is now a sad tradition, but also one we are proud of, in that when we lose a committee member, we donate £1000 of the Carnival takings to a charity chosen by the family. This time it is with great pride that the "Arnolds" have chosen one of our local charities, Biggin Hill Community Care Association. Please find their stall at the carnival and find out what they do, how they support the elderly and infirm within the community, and how if you would like, you too could help support them.

Tim Stevens



Neil Walker,
Chair of Biggin
Hill Community
Care
Association,
being presented
with the cheque
for £1000 from
the Arnold family.

BHCCA are very
grateful to the
Arnold Family for
the donation

At St. Mark's.....

Music At St. Mark's

St. Mark's Music - songs and fellowship with a lively touch. Call Chris on 01959 700815 for more details

Home Groups

Home groups meet every fortnight for fellowship and Bible Study. For more information contact Alison on 01959 540482

Baby & Toddler Group

Every Monday from 10.00 am in the Church Hall during school terms. Contact the Parish Office for details - 01959 577816 - or just come along.

Bell Ringing

Please contact the Parish Office on 01959 577816

1st Biggin Hill Guides

Please contact Rosemary Spurway on 01959 575717



DAY TRIPS BIGGIN HILL AREA OPPOSITE WAITROSE, MAIN ROAD

- Thurs 1 August – Day Trip to Lewes, Sussex £24pp
- Tues 6 August – Day Trip to Deal £24pp
- Wed 14 August – Kent Life Heritage Farm Park, Maidstone £34pp
- Fri 16 August – Eastbourne Air Show £24pp
- Tues 20 August – Day Trip to Broadstairs £24pp
- Thurs 29 August – Weald & Downland Museum, Sussex £36pp
- Fri 6 September – Windsor River Cruise inc. lunch & model village inc. cream tea £68pp
- Thurs 12 September – Hyde Hall, Essex £38pp RHS members £24pp
- Tues 17 September – Spitfire Memorial Museum, Manston & Heme Bay £26pp
- Fri 20 September – Day Trip to Whitstable £24pp
- Wed 25 September – Hornby Museum & Margate £26pp
- Mon 30 September – Day Trip to Brighton £24pp
- Fri 11 October – Waverley Paddle Steamer Thames River trip £73pp
- Sun 13 October – The Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace £38pp
- Wed 16 October – Fishbourne Roman Villa & afternoon in Chichester £39pp
- Wed 23 October – Market Day in St Albans £24pp
- Tues 5 November – Bricklane Music Hall, There will Always be an England £84pp
- Wed 13 November – Shopping Day at Blue Water £24pp
- Tues 19 November – Biggin Hill Heritage Hangar Tour £64pp
- Thurs 28 November – Christmas shopping at Polhill Garden Centre £18pp

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Wednesday Lunch Club The Friendly Club!

Enjoy a warm welcome at our **Lunch Club** which is open from 12.15pm until 2pm. A three course meal is provided which is cooked on the premises. Afterwards hot drinks are served. Transport within Biggin Hill can be provided at a small cost.

Biggin Hill Day Centre

Our Day Centre provides a friendly and sociable environment where you will be supported by our professional care staff.

Start the day with a cuppa and a chat!

Morning and afternoon activities. Three course lunch cooked on the premises. The Centre is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Centre provides respite for carers

Do you have difficulty doing your grocery shopping?

Assisted Shopping

Our Assisted Shopping takes place on Thursday mornings and is for Biggin Hill residents who live independently but need help with their weekly grocery shop. Call Annette on 01959 700411.

Art Group

Our Art Group meets on Wednesdays from 2pm. Everyone is welcome from novice to expert. Light refreshments are provided. A small donation is requested for each session.

All places must be booked in advance. For more information, please call us on 01959 577400 or email bigginhillcommunitycare@gmail.com.

You can also visit our website:

bigginhillcommunitycare.org or scan the QR code. We hire St. Mark's Hall, Church Road for our Day Centre, Lunch Club and Art Group.





Biggin Hill Residents Association

Working for the community - Founded in 1934

Hello Residents!

Your Biggin Hill Residents Association had a wonderful day at the Biggin Hill Carnival last month. Thanks must go to the Carnival Committee and all the volunteers for making such a wonderful day possible.

We had lots of interest in our new range of BHRA glassware which can also be found at the Lookout Café and The Crown Pub for anyone wishing to make a purchase. We were also able to talk to our residents about all the fabulous events we have coming up for you this year and had lots of new membership enquiries. Thank you to all our new members who signed up for the bargain price of **£5 per household!** This enables us to continue the great work we do for our community.

Our next event being held will be 'Off to the Races' on 15th September 2024. This will be an event for all the family to be held at Blundells Squash Club. Tickets will be £5 per adult and children are free. We will have a 12pm start and the first race will be at 12:30pm and table snacks will be provided. Please stay tuned to our website and social media for further information.

Design a Bag Competition:



Keen not to leave out our mini residents, the BHRA are launching a Design a Bag Competition for some new merchandise. We are looking for children in the following age groups to enter our free competition with the chance to win cash prizes with the winning design being printed on our new BHRA shopping bags.

CATEGORIES:

Ages 5-9

Ages 10-13

Ages 14-17

Information has gone out to all schools children via their school newsletters, and you can also see our website and social media for everything you need to know about entering. The winning entry will be announced at our AGM on Monday 21st October at New Life Church. **T&Cs apply and entries close on 31st August 2024.**

Be the change you want to see in your community and join your Biggin Hill Residents Association today:



Join your Biggin Hill Residents Association **TODAY** and enter our **Xmas Prize Draw** for the chance to win a

£100

One For All voucher

Winner will be drawn at this years Xmas Lights Switch On event - **23rd November 2024** at New Life Church

To become a member of the Association costs a mere **£5 per year** per household, which will help us to make an even greater contribution to all aspects of the community for the benefit of all.

Find us on Facebook or at our website: [**info@bigginhillresidentsassociation.co.uk**](mailto:info@bigginhillresidentsassociation.co.uk)

Your local councillors

Melanie and Sophie are here to support you and assist you in anyway that makes living in Biggin Hill a more pleasurable experience for you and your family.

We are always here and can be contacted by Email:
Melanie.stevens@bromley.gov.uk or Sophie.dunbar@bromley.gov.uk

Telephone: Melanie, 07900 171 266 - Sophie, 07929 365 228
 Facebook: Biggin Hill Councillors - you can message us here as well.

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Late summer tasks

You may ask, late summer, we haven't had any summer yet and you are right! However, despite the recent weather, gardeners still need to prepare for the remainder of summer for a possible dry warm August and September and consider next spring and summer.

Many plants have already made exceptional growth, the cool, damp weather has been ideal for certain plants. With a late summer and high temperatures, the new growth will ripen to produce blooms the following spring. The previous two years, rain followed by a late hot spell have provided a similar response, particularly spring 2024.



It is also the time of year to collect seeds and in some cases to sow now. Allow to germinate and grow, ready to plant out in the garden in early autumn for next summer colour. Notably the foxglove, towering stems of tubular flowers, the bees love foraging for nectar. The Lychnis is another and of course Honesty or Lunaria annua, member of the brassica family with beautiful open clusters of purple flowers.

Semi ripe cuttings can be taken this time of year, choose material with a soft top and slightly hardened wood at the base of the cutting.



In the past, gardeners used to prepare a bed at the base of a north wall. The bed consisted of soil, compost and plenty of grit. No cover was required, the north wall protection was ideal from whatever the weather would throw at them. Alternatively, when I was running a plant nursery for a local authority, we prepared the soil as previously mentioned, just under a metre wide. In those days, plastic piping was used, either end pushed into a stake at equal sections along, with a sheet of white polythene pulled over the top. Cuttings were inserted in

the ground and left until the following spring. Some watering will be necessary for a dry and warm late summer and early autumn, but was very successful. Today, propagating trays are just as good.

Pruning of apples and pears are carried out this time of year to produce flower buds for next year's blossom and eventually fruit, but also to remove the soft (and in some cases) large amounts of greenery.

This covering slows down this process as the sun cannot get to ripen the fruit. This time of year, the soft shoots are covered in woolly aphid or rust on pears, a good time to prune out affected foliage.



Continue to sow salad crops, pick runner and French beans, courgettes. Water pumpkins, gourds and squashes to encourage the swelling of the fruit. While rich pickings can be achieved with the autumn raspberries.

September brings spring bulbs into the garden centre; early pickings will provide you with a wide range of choice. Alternatively, you can purchase them online.

Finally continue to dead head flowers and roses, for further flowering, while shrubs that have just finished flowering such as the Philadelphus, prune out the flowering stem to encourage new shoots to develop for flowering next year.



The Philadelphus in the sensory garden, maintained by the Biggin Hill Friends of the parks, have flowered very well and now is the time to prune them. Should you wish to join the volunteers in the garden for some relaxing gardening, learn more about pruning or just want to meet like-minded people, please contact Nick Hagon, details below.

You may have seen the volunteers at the recent carnival event and we need more volunteers to help maintain Kings Road Open Space, Sensory garden, The Rec and Mine Shaw.

Whatever the weather, enjoy the gardening, take a rest, have a cuppa, relax and enjoy the rest of summer.

BHHS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Wednesday August 21st "An Evening with Brian Everest" A talk about gardening in general including showing your favourite plant at a flower show.

Saturday September 14th, Autumn Flower Show, exhibit your success, vegetables, flowers etc. Doors open at 3pm, presentation of cups and raffle at 4.20 pm. Cake and refreshment available.

Wednesday September 18th "Pests, diseases and controls in the garden" by Kevin Tooher, a subject on all our minds in the garden, friendly methods, products available in the garden centre, companion planting etc.

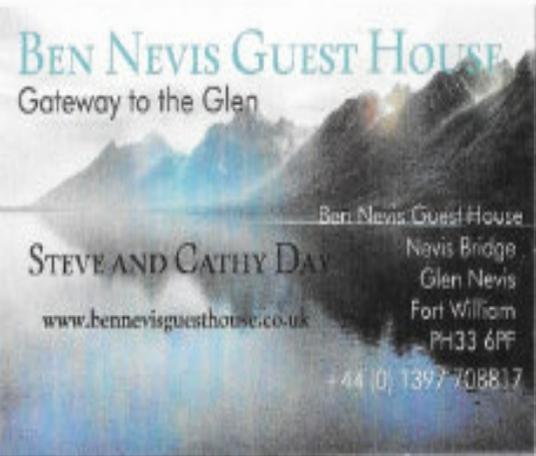
Wednesday October 16th, "History of Sissinghurst Castle Garden" by Stephen Harman, an update of what has gone on in the garden recently and its past history.

Other than the Flower Show, for talks, doors open at 7.30 for 8pm start, refreshments at 9pm and the evening finishes at 10pm.

Do join us and keep Biggin Hill a place to be proud of. Telephone Nick Hagon, 01959 575799 for further information between 6.30pm and 9 pm.

Nick Hagon (Chairman)

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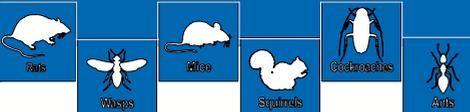
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Please contact the Church office. The times the office is open can be
found on page four. A message can be left on the answer machine
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Do you Biggin Hill?

Well, if you live locally, the answer is probably 'yes.' At the Carnival we had some enlightening conversations with passers-by, most of whom thought Biggin Hill to be the perfect place to live. Of course, not everyone here is perfect – but that's another topic altogether! If we love someone, we will want to protect them. That also applies to our lovely town, which still feels like a village. Our challenge as a community is to love Biggin Hill more.



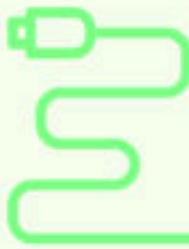
Pictured are:

- Peter Martin (Chairman of Residents Association)
- Ann-Marie Jefferys (Mayoress)
- Councillor David Jefferys (Mayor of Bromley)
- Mark Newman
- Rev Alison Newman (Vicar of St Mark's)
- PCSO Ruth Cumner

P.S. The brilliant Carnival did not come about by chance! A huge 'well done' to all the organisers. They showed how much they love Biggin Hill by staying till nearly 8pm that day picking up litter. Thank you for your dedication!



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Meet Sheila Blundell, grand lady of Biggin Hill

Sheila was born in 1930 in the Mill House at the end of Edward Road. It was an old windmill, called Pimlico Mill, used for grinding grain. Sheila believes she is the oldest person born and still living in Biggin Hill. Her maiden name was Gill.



Here are her memories of the shops in Biggin Hill, during the period of her childhood through to the 1950s, starting at Edward Road:

'Lardies,' a grocery shop	Sheila always went there to get her mum's five Woodbine cigarettes
Shop called Blackhurst's	Or Blackman's?
Farm shop	The driveway went all the way through to Sutherland Avenue
Fish and chip shop	
Les Lines	The butcher's shop
Martin's	Sold bikes
Hairdresser's shop	
Large patch of ground, previously owned by the Nelson family	Now Tudor Court
Cinder path	Went alongside Tudor Court
Mr. Neal's	Cars & other repairs.
A garden	Where the owner shaped the hedge into animal shapes
Little sweet shop	Her sister Ella worked here

Followed by...

Chemist's shop	Helena Blake worked in this shop all her life; she was here before the Blundells. Helena took over the annual reunion for people in Biggin Hill; she was the first person to get married in the new St. Mark's
No 10, a barber's shop	When Derek went for a haircut the barber, Sid Whitehead, used to make him look for the mouse under the chair!
Mr. Lily's shop	
Footpath	Went through to Sutherland Avenue , Heather Bank
The Teapot Café	Highclere House, run by the Belgian, Mr Haentjens
The Village school	On the site of Waitrose
The Village nurse's house	She mended many a finger to save going to the doctor's
Crouch's Garage	Went through to Sutherland Avenue
Stan Lilly's grocer's shop	Site of the Spitfire Café
BonBon	Sweet & paper shop
Chemist shop	
Boyden's Chemist shop	Yes, another!
Chilman's butcher's	
No shops till Working Men's Club	
Big stretch of waste ground	Later, the Co-op – currently wasteland once more: Rose Page ran the shop. As a boy Derek could choose individual biscuits to put in a bag
Miss Claughton sold stockings	Just before Lebanon Gardens

With three chemists, there had to be a doctor's surgery! This was opposite (the now closed) Barclays Bank: first Dr Rowan, then Dr Peace, then Dr Crosby

So what was life like for Sheila growing up in wartime and as a teenager?

From the age of 5, Sheila recalls wandering about by herself, climbing trees and haystacks.

But that was not all. There's a great deal more, which you can read about in our next edition!

Mark Newman

Open House Festival 2024

Have you ever wanted to visit a building, and found it's closed to the public? Each September, hundreds of buildings in London, normally closed, are opened specially for the public. It's a festival of architecture. This London-wide festival opens up and celebrates the city's architecture, special sites and neighbourhoods.

St Mark's Church, which is a Grade 2 listed building, will be open to visitors this autumn as part of Open House:

- Saturday 21 Sept 1030-1600
- Sunday 22 Sept 1200-1600

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THANK YOU!

The Little boy says his prayers:

'Lord, bless Mummy, Daddy, baby and me. And Lord, look after yourself. If anything happens to you we are all sunk!'

Barry.

Slimming World Members Raise over £1300 for Cancer Research!

Members of the Slimming World group that meets in Biggin Hill on Wednesdays at 10am and 6pm at Blundells FSL, Jail Lane teamed up to raise money for Cancer Research UK on Sunday 30th June.

It was a damp morning at Lloyd Park in Croydon for the Annual Race for Life Event. Members Colin, Jackie, Amanda, Katie and Jackie S along with their consultant Sophie were all geared up to run the 5k course. We took to the starting line and off we went around a (very steep in places!) trail run. For some of the team, it was the first time they had ever completed a 5k run. For others it was something they could never have dreamed of doing before joining the Slimming world Group at Blundells FSL.

Alongside our generous food optimising eating plan which is suitable for all dietary needs, we have the unique ethos of our 'body magic' programme. It's completely tailorable to you, whether you are just getting started or are already living an active lifestyle, doing what makes you feel good!

Some of the Race For Life team started working with the local 'Biggin Runways' run club and their couch to 5k programme to help prepare for the run, while other members took to walking the dog further to build up their training. The beauty of Body Magic is you do it at your own pace.

We all crossed the line together (some of us twice!) as a team and there really is no greater feeling than that.



If you would like to find out more about joining your local Slimming World Group please contact Sophie on 07929365228. Sessions run on Wednesdays 10am or 6pm at Blundells FSL, opposite Charles Darwin School.

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THE MOVING CHURCH NEWS

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St. Mark's is known as the "Moving Church" as in the 1950's it was constructed from materials brought from the redundant church of All Saints North Peckham. This remarkable feat of dismantling and building carried out by local Biggin Hill people was accomplished through the initiative and vision of the then vicar, The Revd. Vivian Symons. He mobilised the local parishioners to create a truly worthy parish church in place of their ageing corrugated iron building. This fascinating story is recounted in an illustrated colour guide available from the Church.

St. Mark's is a pilgrim church; we do not simply accept the status quo, we are on a spiritual journey as pilgrims of old, actively seeking to draw closer to God and discover His will both in our own lives and the life of our local church and community which we love and serve. We are anxious "not to store up treasures here on earth" but to use all our church resources given by God, in His service and for His glory.

We want to share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with all those in our parish and neighbourhood. Hopefully this is portrayed by the way we live our lives, and speak to others.

We respect that we are all children of God, and we want to discover Christ in each other, encouraging personal growth in our individual relationship with each other and with Jesus.

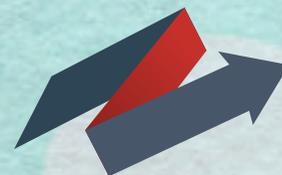
Worship is an integral part of our love for God, and we want our services to reflect dignity and sensitivity as well as joy and thanksgiving.

St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill - People's Prayer

Dear God in Heaven who loves us so much,
Thank You for everything You do and provide for us.
We pray for Your church and community here in
Biggin Hill, that we may know Your plans for us
in this special town.

Especially, we pray for help in bringing all Your
children to You, so they may come to know You fully,
through our actions enabled by Your Spirit,
And through the life, teaching and example of
Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

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Sophie Dunbar	07929 365228
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Biggin Hill Musical Theatre Company	01959 701829
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Bromley Social Services --- child referrals	0208 461 7373
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Childline (confidential helpline for children)	0800 1111 (24 hr)
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GAS Emergency 24 hr freephone	0800 111 999
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New Life Church	01959 571667
NHS help line when you need medical advice	111
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Local Safer Neighbourhood Team:	020 8721 2820
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Samaritans (Local branch) - 01689 833 000	24 hr - 08457 90 90 90
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